

Project Briefing Sheet
UNM North Golf Course
On-going projects and Cultural Landscape Report



UNM North Golf Course was the last WPA project completed in New Mexico, and is located north of Lomas Boulevard and south of Indian School Boulevard on the north side of Tucker Avenue, in Albuquerque on the UNM Campus.

In 2012, Bernalillo County undertook an agreement with the University of New Mexico to preserve the golf course as open space. As part of the agreement, the County provided \$1.5 million to the University to undertake long overdue irrigation system replacement, to create a landscaped trail for use by the community around the perimeter of the course, and to maintain and replace trees on the course, all of which constitute Phase 1. A landscape architecture firm was hired by the University in the spring of 2013, which completed a master plan and design plans for the 1st Phase in October 2013. Phase 1 plans were put out to bid thereafter, and construction was completed in April 2014.



Current and historic photos of the UNM North Golf Course.

During the 2014 Legislative Session, \$320k was appropriated in the Water Bill for a pipeline to re-use cooling water from the University chiller plant, which is Phase 2 of the project. An additional \$310k was appropriated in the 2015 Legislative Session. This has enabled engineering design and construction of this portion of the project to be completed in February 2017 within the projected budget of \$500k. The remaining funds from this appropriation will be used for the next two phases, which including drainage improvements to the course and the adjacent “barren fairways” (Phase 3) and further landscaping along the trail to control weeds and erosion, which were elements of Phase 1 that were not completed because of budget constraints (Phase 4).

During the 2016 Legislative Session, an additional \$320k was appropriated to plan, design, restore, construct, equip, install, and furnish subsequent improvements to the UNM North Golf Course Urban Open Space. This funding for will enable the County to support the University’s effort to complete other items identified by the community and stakeholders during Phase 1 design process for the course, including additional replacement trees for the urban forest on the course (Phase 5), streetscape and fencing improvements along Stanford and Yale (Phase 6), rehabilitation of the WPA Lightning Shelter and new infrastructure for the proposed Lobo Farm (Phase 7) and native re-vegetation of areas between and outside the fairways to limit erosion and create more natural habitat and additional furnishings along the trail, including benches, gateway elements and interpretive signage (Phase 8). Funds appropriated by the State will go directly to the University of New Mexico.

MRWM Landscape Architects is currently under contract with Bernalillo County to complete a Cultural Landscape Study and Master Plan update for the UNM North Golf Course site, which will identify key historic features and develop treatment recommendations to guide future development and protection of the resource. The study will be prepared in coordination with the UNM, the North Campus Neighborhood Association and the County. A key part of the study will be an update to the master plan for the golf course in order to reflect the treatment recommendations and to generate a capital improvement schedule to guide further rehabilitation of the golf course and further efforts to secure funding to support it. A series of stakeholder meetings and workshops have been held over the previous year to identify and prioritize projects, which was used to update the master plan. A public meeting was held in December to present the draft findings and recommendations of the study and the proposed schedule of capital improvement projects.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS (ORDERED BY PRIORITY)

- A** **DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS & SLOPE STABILIZATION**
- Construct new shallow drainage pond/wetland and permeable detention wall to manage storm water and slow runoff.
 - Develop small-scale drainage structures at Barren Fairways.
 - Enhance existing drainage improvements along trail.
 - Plan for future AMAFCA water quality structure.
- B** **TRAIL LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENTS**
- Develop "Prescription Trail" loop (1 mile or less).
 - Improve erosion control and drainage along trail.
 - Provide trail-side seating.
 - Increase shade along trail through tree canopy enhancements
 - Install low maintenance native plantings with seasonal color.
- C** **URBAN FOREST TREE CANOPY REPLACEMENT**
- Restore and enhance historic tree canopy with several varieties of disease resistant, non-invasive, high canopy shade trees.
 - Use smaller canopy trees for screening along trails and between fairways where historically appropriate.
 - Incorporate tree plantings into each phase of improvements.
- D** **STREET SIDE FENCING & PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES**
- Replace chainlink fence along Stanford Drive, creating visual interest through material choice and alignment.
 - Provide paved ADA pedestrian sidewalk between fence and Stanford Drive.
 - Replace netting along Yale Blvd with layered tree screen and paved ADA sidewalk between Domenici Hall and Tucker Ave
 - Coordinate fencing with UNM Campus Aesthetic Plan
- E** **BARREN FAIRWAYS / LOBO FARM / COMMUNITY GARDEN**
- Provide erosion control and drainage improvements.
 - Eliminate desire paths.
 - Revegetate.
 - Community garden on north end of barren fairways.
 - Lobo Farm on south end of barren fairways.
 - Identify and provide irrigation for Lobo Farm and community garden.
- F** **WPA LIGHTNING SHELTER**
- Activate space through programming.
 - Document historic importance and install interpretive signage.
 - Address maintenance and safety concerns.



- G** **RESTORATION OF NATIVE AREAS BETWEEN FAIRWAYS**
- Where historically appropriate, establish native grass and shrub seed mix with temporary irrigation.
 - Refine and clearly delineate cart paths.
 - Include limited tree plantings.

- H** **SIGNAGE & SITE FURNISHINGS**
- Provide historically appropriate signage that is consistent with UNM's graphic standards.
 - Use signage and site furnishings to develop a sense of visual continuity.
 - Signage is not included in the current funding

- I** **SCREENING/CLEANUP**
- Screen reservoir and maintenance yard; future AMAFCA water quality structure.
 - Clean up area where tree trunks are being dumped.

KEY:	↑	SLOPE STABILIZATION
	■	DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS
	■	STREET-SIDE ENHANCEMENTS
	#	HOLE NUMBER
	■	URBAN FOREST TREE CANOPY REPLACEMENT
	■	SCREEN/CLEAN UP
	■	RESTORE NATIVE AREAS
	■	LIGHTNING SHELTER
	■	BARREN FAIRWAYS
	■	FAIRWAY

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